

RAF HITS THREE NAZI CITIES

Mayor W. S. Atkins Vetoes Final Purchase of Airport Property

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

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Scotty Goes on the Stand

Civilization: Smasher of Idols

Government is always taking the joy out of life — even our own government. Our complaint is trivial compared to the complaints in Europe, but it's a complaint just the same. . . . All these years we had been led to believe that Men of Mystery, Apostles of Adventure, still lived and breathed and walked upon the surface of this 20th Century World. Such a man was Death Valley Scotty. But today's news from a California federal court shatters the precious illusion — and Death Valley Scotty shrinks from the Giant of Yesterday that ushered us to the desert rat that he really is.

U. S. Processing of Bauxite Is Asked by State

Gov. Adkins Leaves for New Orleans, Thence to Washington

LITTLE ROCK —(AP)— Gov. Adkins said Friday morning he would "take up the problem of patronage" upon his return from New Orleans and Washington next week. The governor, who postponed a scheduled departure for New Orleans Thursday night until Friday afternoon, told his press conference he intended to give present state employees "ample notice" before any additional changes in personnel are made. Several department heads said most of the changes would become effective April 1.

The governor will attend a meeting of the Southern Governors conference in New Orleans and from there will go to Washington Saturday night to confer with RFC and defense officials.

He plans to return here Wednesday night.

His conference with defense officials will turn on a proposal that the government consider financing the processing of Arkansas bauxite.

An industrial plan.

LITTLE ROCK — Efforts in behalf of Arkansas industrialization, second only to refunding in Governor Adkins' administrative program, were well underway as the governor made plans to:

Present data on Arkansas' fight for lower freight rates at the Southern Governors' Conference in New Orleans Saturday.

He will leave at 5 p. m. Friday.

Discuss national defense industries sought by Arkansas at conferences with Washington officials. Plans would be jeopardized if names and details were made public, Governor Adkins said. He will leave New Orleans for the capital Saturday night.

Urge that a bauxite processing plant be established in the state.

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Roosevelt to Speak to Nation Saturday

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Roosevelt will make a radio address to the nation at 8:30 CST Saturday night on defense, and aid to nations battling aggressors.

CRANIUM CRACKERS

A Word Test

Here is a multiple choice word test, with each definition followed by four words. Can you pick out the right one in each case?

1. A person or thing which is the object of attention is known as (a) a sin; (b) cynosure; (c) sinecure; (d) eynogone.

2. If you are familiar with Latin, you should know that the word meaning wolflike is (a) feline; (b) equine; (c) porcine; (d) lupine.

3. A verse form consisting of eight lines with a distinctive rhyme pattern is called a (a) quatrain; (b) sonnet; (c) rondeau; (d) triolet.

4. A person who is supple and agile is (a) litloral; (b) lissome; (c) lathesme; (d) lethargic.

5. The outer bone of the human leg below the knee is called the (a) femur; (b) thymus; (c) fibula; (d) funicula.

Answers on Comic Page

Fears Cost of Development Is to Be Excessive

Opposes Airport If City's Share Is More Than Cost of Land

Mayor W. S. Atkins announced Friday he had vetoed the proposed purchase of the Miss Fay Bryant and R. M. Bryant lands as part of the site of Hope municipal airport.

The Hope council had previously approved the purchase by a unanimous vote. There was no indication late Friday as to what action the council would take regarding the veto message.

Complete text of Mayor Atkins' veto letter, except for omission of the lengthy legal description of the land, follows:

March 13, 1941
To the City Council of the City of Hope, Arkansas
Gentlemen:

With respect to the city purchasing the described lands from Miss Fay Bryant and R. M. Bryant, respectively, please be advised that, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I, as Mayor of the City of Hope do hereby veto the action taken by the City Council at the special meeting held at the city hall on March 11, 1941 relative to the purchase by the city of the lands, for the purpose of building an airport.

The motion authorizing the purchase of this land was carried by a unanimous vote, and I regret very much that I can not concur with the action taken by you gentlemen. As I remember, this is the first time I have differed with the council on any matter pertaining to the city. In order to keep the record clear relative to my action herein, it is necessary to state briefly the history of the proposed airport.

When the project was first proposed, we were informed at a regular meeting of the council that the Civil Aeronautics Administration of Fort Worth, Texas had viewed and approved as an ideal location for an airport the 400 acres of land known as the "Moore-Carter" lands, and at an expense of about \$200 to the city, a survey of said lands was made, and later it was purchased at a price of \$6,000. We were finally advised that the Civil Aeronautics Administration would not approve said site unless approximately 195 acres joining and lying east of this land was purchased. We then began negotiating to ascertain what the total expense of an airport would be, and were informed that the WPA would not aid the city in the construction of an airport unless the site, the plans, and specifications met the requirements of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, and were also advised by the WPA that it could not give us definite information about what the expense of the sponsor (City of Hope) would be until it was furnished with the plans and specifications. We were advised by the Civil Aeronautics Administration and by the WPA that the city engineer, Mr. Charles O. Thomas, could make the plans and specifications and furnish the estimate of the cost. This the council requested him to do, and authorized the employment of such help as he might need. Notwithstanding more than a month has elapsed, the City Engineer has been unable to furnish us with the estimate, due to the fact, as reported by him, that he has been unable, to date, to get the information from the Civil Aeronautics Administration that is necessary. Therefore, we have no idea as to the total cost to the city for an airport.

I am vetoing the said action of the council for the following reasons, to-wit:

1. I am informed that other cities similar in size to Hope which have built, or are building, airports have been required to pay from \$25,000 to \$40,000 as the sponsor's share for the construction of an airport.

2. If the city should be required to contribute more than the purchase price (\$12,000) of the land for an airport, then and in that event, I certainly do not think the city should undertake to build one, and unless it can be built with WPA aid with the city only contributing the land, the expenditure of \$6,000 for the additional 195 acres of land could not be justified.

3. If it should develop that an approval of the Civil Aeronautics Administration can be built with the city only contributing the price of the land (\$12,000), then if the city could not agree with the owners of the said two parcels of land, it would have a right to proceed to take said lands for said purpose, under the law of eminent domain.

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Hired Hand Is Held in Death of a Farmer

Farm Worker Confesses He Planned to Marry Employer's Widow

DARDANELLE, Ark. — Mitchell McBride, 54-year-old barber and farm owner, was found shot to death on his place four miles west of Dardanelle early Friday and Sheriff Buford Compton said Henry Tarochazka, 34, a neighbor and helper on the McBride farm, had confessed that he had killed his employer and had attempted to make the case appear suicide.

Compton quoted Tarochazka as saying he had planned the killing for a week and that he had hoped to marry Mrs. McBride after disposing of her husband.

The farmhand was taken into custody for questioning and made his admission almost at once, the sheriff said. He said formal charges were being prepared.

Canadian Woman Slain

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. —(AP)— The body of Mrs. Ruth Rawlins, wife of a wealthy metallurgist, was found Friday in a shallow grave near Gainesville, Fla., and two taxi drivers were held as slayers of the 35-year-old Canadian woman.

The St. Petersburg police chief said the cab drivers admitted they killed Mrs. Rawlins Wednesday night and hauled her body 115 miles in the back of a tax before disposing of it.

Sheriff Tod Tucker signed a first-degree murder warrant for the cabmen.

12 of Italy's Planes Downed

Mussolini's Personal Drive in Albania Collapses

ATHENS —(AP)— RAF headquarters announced Friday 12 Italian fighter planes were shot down and a number badly damaged Thursday in a battle over the Klisura-Tepeleni sector of Albania without the loss of a single British plane.

Greek dispatches declared five Italian fighters had been shot down in the last seven days in response to Premier Mussolini's reported adjuration to his officers to "do something."

A furious Italian assault over a wide front in the central sector about Tepeleni was completely beaten back, the Greeks said, and great losses were suffered.

Greek dispatches from the front said Mussolini would return to Rome from his visit to the front empty-handed and "covered with shame" after failure of the offensive he had personally ordered.

To have been in Tirana, Albania capital, since Thursday, and was expected to leave for Rome Saturday, the date he had set to announce a "big success" in Albania.

Patmos Junior Play Friday

'Damsel in Distress' to Be Presented in Gymnasium

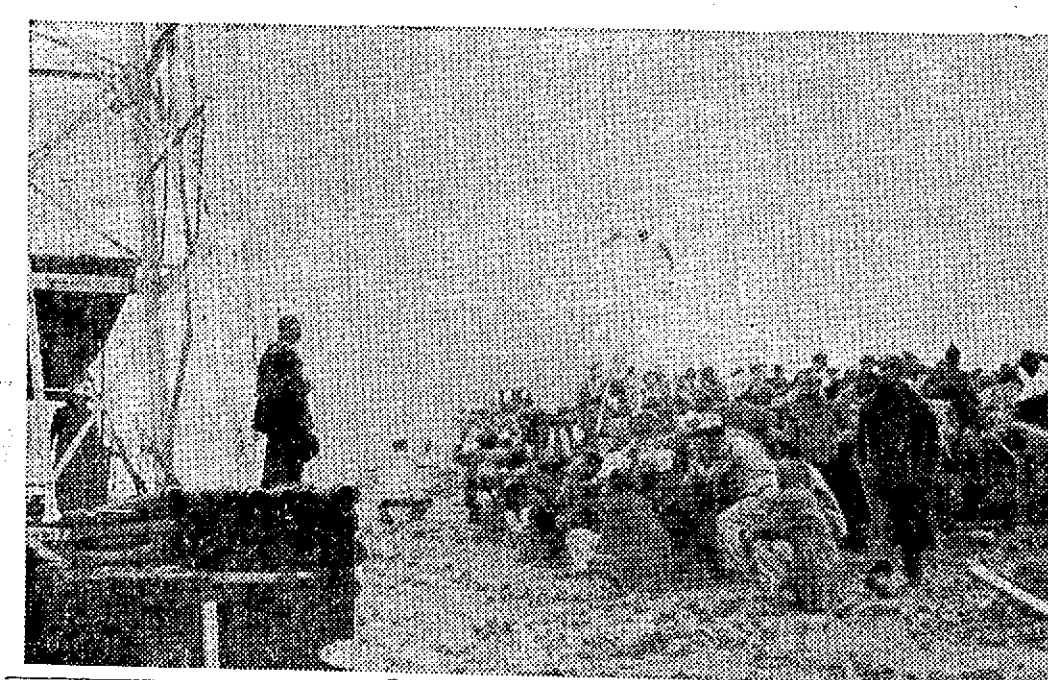
"Damsel in Distress" an entertaining force will be presented Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Patmos high school gymnasium.

The cast consists of: Dorothy Burns as Pamela Royle; Louise Kent, Geraldine Ware; Lovenia Kent, Mrs. Meeks; Joyce Cox, Mrs. Guppy; Helen Drake, Natasha Federovna; Stuart Hamilton, Jimmy Love, also Mrs. Jones, Raymond Huett, Shelby Parsons; Glenie McCoy, Aunt Eustacia (Pam's aunt); Willie Drake, Uncle Bryner (Gerry's uncle); O. T. Mider, Ethelbert Meeks; Olan Reeves, Mike; and James Ratcliff as Bill.

Admission 10c and 20c. Everyone urged to attend.

A group of snipe is known as a wisp.

Negroes Pray for Oil as Drilling Starts on Wildcat Test in Texas



Negro church members of Cune, Texas, are led in prayer by their preacher, left, on derrick, as drilling starts on a wildcat test in Cherokee County, East Texas. The negroes pooled their funds a year ago and gave it under free oil and gas lease to whoever would agree to drill a hole to the Woodbine sand. A shining new derrick was set up on their land and the congregation went down on its knees to ask the Lord to send them oil—and riches. They feel that their prayers have been answered to some extent in that the derrick has been set up.

Dinner Re-Set for March 20

Sen. Spencer to Be Honored With Farewell Party

The Hope Chamber of Commerce announced here Friday that the farewell banquet honoring Senator Lloyd Spencer will begin next week, John G. Pipkin, director of the state Welfare Department, said Thursday.

Originally set for February 20, the stag dinner was postponed because Gov. Adkins, who is to be guest speaker, could not attend on that date. A full program will be announced Tuesday, March 18.

To Survey Here on Stamp Plan

Hempstead One of 8 Counties Scheduled for It

LITTLE ROCK—Work on a survey of eight Arkansas counties which have applied for food stamp programs, will begin next week, John G. Pipkin, director of the state Welfare Department, said Thursday.

Mr. Pipkin has been notified by the regional office of the Surplus Commodities Corporation at Dallas that the SCC was ready to begin the survey.

Counties which will be surveyed are: Clark, Pope, Hempstead, Union, Sebastian, Logan, Cleveland and Independence.

H. A. Buffalo, regional director of programs operations, who was in Little Rock this week, has returned to the Dallas office.

Native Farmer Buried Friday

D. L. Dillard, Sr., Succumbs Near Rosston

Funeral services for D. Lee Dillard, 77, native Hempstead farmer, who died late Tuesday at the home of his brother Ed Dillard of Rosston, were held at Bluff Springs early Friday.

He is survived by 4 daughters, Mrs. Dan Ray, Mrs. John Cunningham both of Baden, Pa., Mrs. Roxy Baker, Mrs. W. Fairchild of Hope, four sons, Earl and Garland Dillard of Baden, Pa., Willie and D. L. Dillard, Jr. of Hope.

Domestic Training Course for Negroes

E. D. Peaches of Pine Bluff, with the state department of Educational workers unit of the A. M. & N. negro college of Pine Bluff will conduct a training school for negroes who are interested in domestic service. The course will begin Wednesday night March 19 and continue for 3 weeks.

British Bomb Hamburg, Emden and Bremen

Germans Counter With Devastating Attack on Glasgow Shipyards

RAF raiders carried the war to Germany with renewed fury over night British reports said Friday, striking tempestuous blows on the ports of Hamburg, Bremen and Emden, and raking the Nazi-held port of Berlin.

RAF said more than 50 patients and nurses were left "dead and buried" in the wreckage of two Hamburg hospitals.

In heavy counter-blows Adolf Hitler's Luftwaffe smashed at the great Clyde Bank shipping yards at Glasgow, Scotland, and pounded again at Liverpool, London and Hull.

Moonlight Helps Planes

London's air ministry said that the raid on Hamburg, carried out in bright moonlight, was "the most severe attack" yet delivered on the bombed city, and that huge fires broke out around the ship-building yards, docks and warehouses "which had received special attention" the night before.

The German high command dismissed the military damage by British attack "as insignificant" but acknowledged numerous buildings were destroyed or damaged.

Nazi pilots returning from the raid on Glasgow said the city was alive with fires visible hundreds of miles.

The British claimed 11 German planes were shot down during the night's fiercest action, making a total of 23 since Wednesday night. The Germans claimed several RAF planes were destroyed.

British officials admitted the raid on Glasgow "was heavy and prolonged" and that industrial buildings and "many houses" were damaged, but said serious fires which sprang up during the night were extinguished or under control by dawn.

Casualties were officially described as "not numerous."

RAF night fighters appeared in unprecedented numbers to combat the Nazi bombers which resumed the use of scream-bombs such as they dropped last spring in France.

Empire Must Hold Out

LONDON —(AP)— A British victory "will not only be certain, it will be quick" if the empire can hold on until U. S. aid is received. First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander declared Friday.

You cannot win this national struggle except on the basis of 100 per cent national co-operation," Alexander told a parliament press luncheon.

"We are facing perhaps the most crucial stage of the war, in which the navy is called upon to play a very great part."

Minister of shipping Ronald H. Cross told the Engineers Institute, "I say frankly we are going to be faced with a really hard struggle at sea this year."

Want Help Now

LONDON —(AP)— The British asked quick help from the United States to bolster her merchant marine in a statement at Number 10 Downing Street Friday.

The statement said that Sir Arthur Salter, secretary to the minister of shipping, would be sent to the United States immediately to work out details of aid to shipping.

U. S. Material Starts Abroad

Some of Lease-Lend Supplies Already on Way

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Secretary Stimson said Friday that some defense material to be transferred to Great Britain under the lend-lease act already had started to its destination.

For the moment the Secretary of War withheld details.

"The information will come out in due time, Stimson told press conference inquirers.

Wall of China

The Chinese wall is 17 feet wide, and about 16 feet of it remains above ground. Including the spurs, curves and loops, its length is 2550 miles.

Results Friday in Basketball

Reports From Jonesboro, Marianna, Little Rock

JONESBORO—(AP)—Results in the A division of the state basketball tournament here Friday included:

Hermiteage 51; Blytheville 33
Harrison 50; Cole Hill 37
North Little Rock 53, Magnolia 33.

At Marianna

MARIANNA—(AP)—Results in the B division of the state basketball tournament included:

Childress 38; Williford 22
Filipin 48; Pleasant View 25
Guy 34; Poyen 11
Williford won over Violent Hill by default.

At Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK—(AP)—Results of the state AAU girl's basketball tournament included:

Childress 38; Williford 22
Filipin 48; Pleasant View 25
Guy 34; Poyen 11
Williford won over Violent Hill by default.

State to Buy Some 3% Bonds

Purchase of 3 Millions' Worth Is Decided Upon

LITTLE ROCK—(AP)—On a recommendation of Gov. Adkins the State Investment Board voted Friday to purchase up to \$3,000,000 in 3 per cent highway refund bonds from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Adkins told the board that Federal Loan Administrator Jesse Jones had requested the state to buy low-interest bearing and long term bonds when the RFC offers the issue recently purchased for re-sale.

He also urged that the teacher retirement fund which has \$775,000 to invest purchase long term bonds.

COTTON

By The Associated Press
New Orleans Cotton

	Open	High	Low	Close
March	10.86	10.93	10.86	10.92
May	10.79	10.94	10.79	10.92
July	10.78	10.93	10.77	10.91
October	10.66	10.83	10.64	10.82
December	10.64	10.79	10.64	10.78
January	10.68	10.69	10.68	10.67
February	10.62	10.73	10.58	10.72
March	10.60	10.79	10.60	10.78

New York Cotton

	Open	High	Low	Close
March	10.77	10.87	10.75	10.86
May	10.75	10.87	10.74	10.83
July	10.74	10.86	10.72	10.84
October	10.63	10.76	10.60	10.74
December	10.62	10.73	10.58	10.72
January	10.61	10.63	10.56	10.71

Middling spot 11.10.

School Ballot Here Saturday

Young and Hall Candidates; Duffie to Retire

Hope School District No. 1A will hold its annual school election at the city hall Saturday, March 15, from 2 to 6:30 o'clock.

Two directors of the Hope School Board will be elected. The candidates are: E. P. Young, to succeed himself; and Chad Hall, to succeed J. P. Duffie. Because of the many duties connected with Rural Housing for the county, and his private business, Mr. Duffie who has been a member of the School Board for a number of years felt that he did not have sufficient time to give to the work of the school board.

Millage tax for the operation and maintenance of the school will also be voted upon.

No Gold Has He Says Scotty

Federal Court Suit Disperses Death Valley Myth

LOS ANGELES, Calif. —(AP)—Death Valley Scotty found a lot of gold mines but didn't have any now, he said in federal court Thursday. His testimony was given in the accounting suit of Julian M. Gerard of New York.

Scotty testified he located 17 claims in the Funeral mountains of Death Valley 37 years ago. He had described them in letters written between 1902 and 1904 as rich, one at least being worth about \$5,000,000. But Gerard failed to furnish money for development and they were abandoned, he said.

All efforts of Gerard's lawyers to show Scotty had any money from gold prospects since 1907 failed.

"Have you a mine now?" he was asked.

"No."

"Ever had one?"

"No sir, a mine is a recorded location; I had none but the Knickerbocker claims."

"Ever taken any gold out of a mine and sold it?"

"No."

"Have you a hole in the ground that you ride out to secretly and extract gold from?"

"I never sold any gold. I never sold any mining claims or anything in connection with a mine."

Gerard will take the stand Friday. He believes Scotty has a rich mine.

A Thought

Let the punishment be equal with the offense.—Cicero.

Motorist Use Esso Products

75,000 Interviews Picture Average Motorist

The average motorist in this country is a man around 40 years old, who earns between twenty-five and thirty dollars weekly and owns one of the three moderate priced cars, which is about three and one-half years old, is worth about \$250, and was purchased second hand.

Such is the picture revealed to the Esso Marketers as a result of an analysis of interviews with more than 75,000 motorists made in all parts of their marketing area over a period of several years. These interviews were a part of various consumer researches and marketing studies in which the company was not identified and the interviewer did not even know for what oil company the interviews were being made.

This analysis revealed that 90 per cent of motorists use the gasoline of a major company. The features the average motorist seeks in a gasoline are long mileage, power or pep, freedom from carbon and quick starting. Motorists patronize favorite service stations because of such diverse factors as personal relations, convenience, service and brand of gasoline.

Two-thirds of the motorists interviewed said they plan to change their oil every 1,000 or 1,500 miles. Fifty per cent of the motorists want low consumption in a motor oil; ten per cent want better lubrication; and thirty per cent admit they don't know what they want.

Tears Cost of

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domain, and a fair price for the land would be determined by court procedure, and in my opinion \$30 per acre is a big price for it.

4. It has been suggested that there is a possibility of the government taking over the location and building an airport as a national defense measure. If that should happen, the said two parcels of land could also be taken under the law of eminent domain, and the government would pay all cost.

5. Certainly the city is not getting any bargain in the purchase of said lands, as I am informed that one of said tracts was on the market for sale at \$30 per acre before the city took the option to purchase, and that the owner of the other parcel had stated that \$30 per acre would be a good price for the land.

You probably will pass the motion

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U. S. Processing Hitler's March Into Bulgaria

Move Interpreted as Discounting Italy 100%

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"where 95 per cent of the supply of bauxite ore in the United States is located." The governor sent a telegram to Secretary of the Navy Knox, requesting that he use his influence in behalf of the proposed plant.

Governor Adkins has described Arkansas' advantages at numerous conferences in the East since his nomination last August.

Adkins Praises Legislature

LITTLE ROCK—With the departing legislators Thursday, Gov. Adkins personally delivered words of appreciation for their unreserved co-operation.

"You have done a noble job and I'm proud of you," the executive said in an address to members and guests of the house.

Higher pension advocates went home dissatisfied with what had been accomplished "for the old folks" and predicted that ere long they'll be back trying to find new money.

Governor Adkins' parting word was he hoped to maintain welfare payments at their present level. He said increased collection of taxes from which pensioners benefit may lift the schedules upward.

50 Killed in Spanish Blast

Powder Depot Blows Up Near Seville Friday

SEVILLE, Spain—(P)—At least 50 persons were killed, authorities estimated, when a Santa Barbara powder depot near Seville blew up Friday.

The number injured was placed at 480. In all 2,500 persons were left homeless. Five soldiers were among the dead.

A workers' suburb of 300 houses was completely wrecked, wounding many women and children.

Only a few escaped from the powder depot and a large textile factory was all but demolished.

British Plan Own Invasion

Equip Troops for Thrusts at Germany and Italy

LONDON—(P)—British sources disclosed Friday plans to equip invasion troops to be used against Germany and Italy.

The plan calls for water barges, loaded with troops, which are fronted with a steel shield with 18 port-holes for fast-firing guns. These water-borne troops will be protected by fighter planes, bombers and naval ships.

This plan was disclosed during a recent maneuver in connection with a raid on an island near Norway.

Com-in-Slot Typewriters

Patrons of Berlin's post office insert coins in the slots of post office typewriters and are able to use these instruments for 10 minutes, thus doing away with post office pens.

In Cuba, jelly is sold in small, wooden boxes, not in glass jars.

or resolution over my veto, but I can not conscientiously concur with you. I am not opposed to an airport, but taking into consideration the financial condition of the city, and the many other needs, that to my mind are more urgent than that of an airport, I most respectfully veto the action to purchase said lands.

Respectfully,
W. S. Atkins, Mayor.

Legal Notice

Commissioner's Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the chancery court of Hempstead County, Arkansas, made and entered on the 3rd day of March, 1941, in a certain cause then pending therein between Hope Federal Savings and Loan Association, complainant, and Mrs. Marian Keith et al. defendants, the undersigned as commissioner of said court, will offer for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder, at the front door of entrance to the Court House in the City of Hope, in Hempstead County, Arkansas, within the hours for judicial sales, on Saturday, the 29th day of March, 1941, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lot 1 in Block 2 in the Town of Patmos, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows: Commence at a stake on the north boundary line of the Falcon and Dooley's Ferry public road and 20 feet east of the east boundary line of the right-of-way of the Louisiana & Arkansas Railway Company, and run thence north 206 feet to a stake, the point of beginning, run thence north 240 feet, run thence east 120 feet, run thence south 240 feet, thence west 120 feet back to the point of beginning, being a part of the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 23, in Township 14 South, Range 24 West, in Hempstead County, Arkansas.

TERMS OF SALE: On a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to execute a bond as required by law and the decree of said court in said cause with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent (8%) per annum from date of sale until paid, and a lien being retained on the premises sold to secure the payment of the purchase money.

Given under my hand this 4th day of March, 1941.

J. P. BYERS,
Commissioner

March 7, 14.

Hitler's March Into Bulgaria

Move Interpreted as Discounting Italy 100%

By MORGAN M. BEATTY
AP Feature Service Writer

WASHINGTON—German's march into Bulgaria convinces military observers here that Hitler has decided to discount Mussolini about 100 per cent, and himself take up the task of decaying Britain's forces in the Near East.

It has been more or less an open secret here that German respect for Italian arms has never been too high. There was laughing up sleeves when Field Marshal Boering spent much "vacation" time in Italy a couple of years ago, before the war started.

It was assumed the marshal was trying to figure out whether the Italian military forces could perform their appointed task of decaying large British forces into the Mediterranean.

Germany attacked the British Isles. The Italians themselves have long assumed that the first task of their navy was decoy work. During the demonstration of Italian destroyers a few years ago for military attaches, the Italian commanders put on a burst of speed, and exclaimed:

"You see, nothing will ever be able to catch us."

Up until this winter, the Italians had been highly successful as decoys. They had lured heavy British forces of from a quarter to a half-million troops, fully equipped, down into the African deserts. They had kept nearly one-third of the British fleet in the Mediterranean—including four battleships, possibly six, several airplane carriers, cruisers—and many destroyers badly needed to convoy merchant ships off Ireland.

So long as Mussolini served as a decoy, he served well the grand axis strategy as conceived by Hitler. Since long before the war, this strategy has consisted of scattering the strength of Hitler opponents. The axis idea was dedicated to that job, and its extension to include Japan definitely furthered the effort to divert British—and American—opposition to Hitler.

But so superior was the showing of British land, sea and air forces in the Mediterranean during the winter, that Hitler's grand strategy was checked. The British even cast suspicion on totalitarian efficiency.

All of this added up to bad news for Hitler, required a new pattern of grand strategy. Slowly, so as to avoid violent disturbance of the delicate balances in the Balkans, he moved into Rumania. Then Bulgaria.

Now his own powerful military forces confront the British on the Balkan front. If the British try to move naval, air or military strength to the British Isles this spring the whole Balkans will be in Hitler's hands. If they keep those forces in the Near East, then he will himself have moved in as decoy in place of Mussolini.

The fact is, the mere presence of one of Hitler's armies in the Balkans is enough to hold British forces in the Near East. And the German high command knows it better than anybody else.

There are, of course, other compensating factors for the Germans. They now have a protection cordon around the precious Rumanian oil fields. They have split off Yugoslavia from Russia, and make it a little more likely that the Serbs will listen to proposals to join the axis. Greece is threatened now, as never before, at a time when the British would prefer not to have to send their strength into the Balkans. And finally, the maneuver gives pause to Russia and Turkey, however much assurance was also given to those nations by the Germans. These are not inconsiderable crumbs of diplomatic and military advantage.

Obviously the German high command hopes the British will strike back at the German army through Greece. After all, 700,000 troops, well equipped, can hold off 250,000-odd, and they might make it possible for Mussolini to stage a feeble comeback.

But, from the British point of view, there is at least one advantage—Hit-

Legal Notice

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the Chancery Court of Hempstead County, made and entered on the 29th day of January, A. D. 1941 in a certain cause (No. 5410) then pending therein between Charlie Phillips, et al., complainants, and Hayward Phillips, et al. defendants, the undersigned, as Commissioner of said Court, will offer for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder, at the East door of entrance of the Court-house in the County of Hempstead, within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on Monday, the 31st day of March, A. D. 1941, the following described real estate, to-wit:

The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, West Half of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, East 1/3 acres in the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 14, all in Township 12 South, Range 24 West, in Hempstead County, Arkansas, containing 233 acres, more or less, in Hempstead County, Arkansas.

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Given under my hand this 5th day of February, A. D. 1941.

J. P. BYERS
Commissioner in Chancery.

March 6-13

Defense Brings New Tempo

New Names Added to Washington's Social Book

By JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON—Let's suppose that you were in Washington in 1928—or ten years later—and you were making your first trip back since then. Today, if you had a few hours to run over the superficial aspects of the national capital, you probably would say, "Well, there are a lot of new buildings—there are more people, it seems, but I don't think the District has changed a lot."

And that is where you would be dead wrong. It might take you a few days more to discover it, but you soon would find out that "national defense" has changed Washington more than anything since the British took over in 1812.

Under national defense, life in Washington is hitting a new tempo. The old order is changing, and new is coming in. It's difficult to say where one should start to explain it, but I'm going to start with society. When a city's society turns upside down—and I mean champagne, white-tie, and mink coat society—then, a city is no longer what it used to be.

New Drivers in the Seat

According to the society writers who have their fingers on the pulse of every thin-dig and shin-digger that enters the capital bluebook, the "old Washingtonians" and the "diplomatic set"—who always have ruled the Washington social roost in the past—have not only taken a back seat, but aren't doing any driving from there.

After all, what frosted and frosty widow of the Roosevelt era can compete with the Stettinuses, the new Supreme Court justices, the Knudsens, the Jacksons and the Joneses of today? But there is something more than that. The day when the embassies and legations could send all social Washington a-flutter with an all-out party is gone. What ambassadors and ministers haven't lost their countries? Some haven't, but aren't those either at war or so at odds that any entertainment is a mockery?

Just a Beginning

That is just the beginning of what national defense has done to Washington. Since the war started in Europe less than two years ago, more than 30,000 persons have been put to work here. Think what that means in a community of something over 550,000. In September, 1939, there were approximately 125,000 persons working here for Uncle Sam. The latest estimate is around 150,000, and hiring goes on at about 500 a day.

What does that do to any community? It booms it. Rents (long ago among the highest in the country) are cooing up again. The cost of living would make a housewife from Crossroads Corners turn green—and not with envy. The city fathers insist there is nothing to all this, but I have been told about these four rent cases: (1) A huge apartment project added its rentals in the \$50-\$60 range from \$2.50 to \$4. (2) A friend renting a \$90 house was informed that

9 Killed in Rumania Oil Train Wreck

SOPIA—(P)—Nine persons were killed and 23 tank cars were destroyed Friday when a 38-car oil train from Rumania was wrecked at Oboniste, near the Rumanian border.

In its history, the United States more than 1,000,000,000 wooden railroad ties now in service.

There are other phases of national defense effect on Washington life—too many to list. A few can be enumerated. Retail business is booming, but there are some other cities in the army camp and defense industrial centers where the monthly index shows greater gains. Society life and night life are moving at high speed. And friendships are being made and broken over teacups as defense partisans vigorously assert their views and their new alignments.

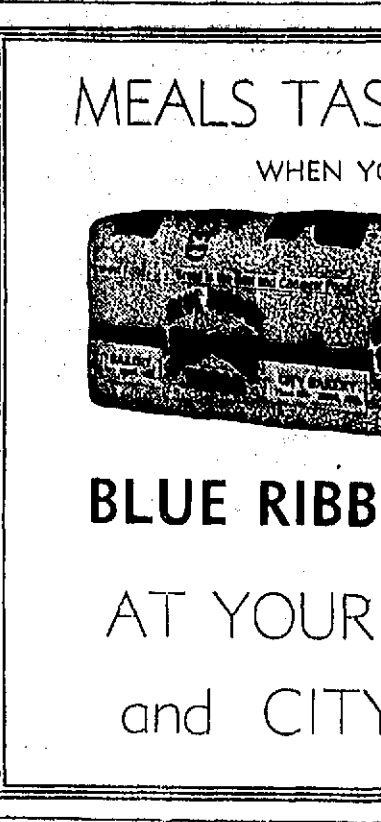
To the folks in the hinterlands, it may be pretty, but to those in the capital's front porches, life under national defense is far from dull.

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Social Calendar

Friday, March 14th
The Friday Music club will meet at the home of Mrs. J. O. Milam, 3:30 o'clock. Preceding the regular meeting the choral club will practice at 2:30.

Mrs. Robert Campbell will be hostess to the members of the Friday contract club with Mrs. Spencer honoree, 2 o'clock.

Saturday, March 15th
Senior Girl Scout Troop, meet at the "Little House" 3:30 o'clock.

Sunday, March 16th
Girl Scouts, troop leaders, and council members will attend special services at the First Methodist church in observance of Girl Scout Week. Those attending are asked to meet at the church at 10:45.

Monday, March 17th
Circle No. 1 of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church, meet at the home of Mrs. L. F. Higginson, 2:30 o'clock.

Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church will meet at the church at 2:30 for a mission study on China.

March Meeting of High School and Junior-Senior P. T. A. Is Held
The Junior-Senior High school P. T. A. met Thursday afternoon at the high school with the president, Mrs. J. G. Martindale, presiding. After a short business session, the program chairman, Mrs. Frank Mason, presented the following program: Reading of the President's message by Mrs. R. P. Bowen and the subject "Religion in Education" discussed by Mrs. R. E. Jackson.

In the count of mothers, Mrs. William McGill's room won the dollar.

Mrs. Lloyd Spencer Honoree at Club Party Given by Mrs. Robert Wilson. Mrs. Lloyd Spencer, Mrs. C. D. Lester, and Mrs. R. T. White were guests other than the club members at the meeting of the Thursday Contract club at the home of Mrs. Robert Wilson.

Myriads of colorful spring flowers decorated the card rooms where several pleasant games of bridge were played. Mrs. Spencer received a gift from the hostess and Mrs. R. T. White received the guest high prize.

After the games the guests were served delicious refreshments.

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The World's News as Told in Pictures

Saved From Death, Day-Old Baby Gets Kiss From Sis



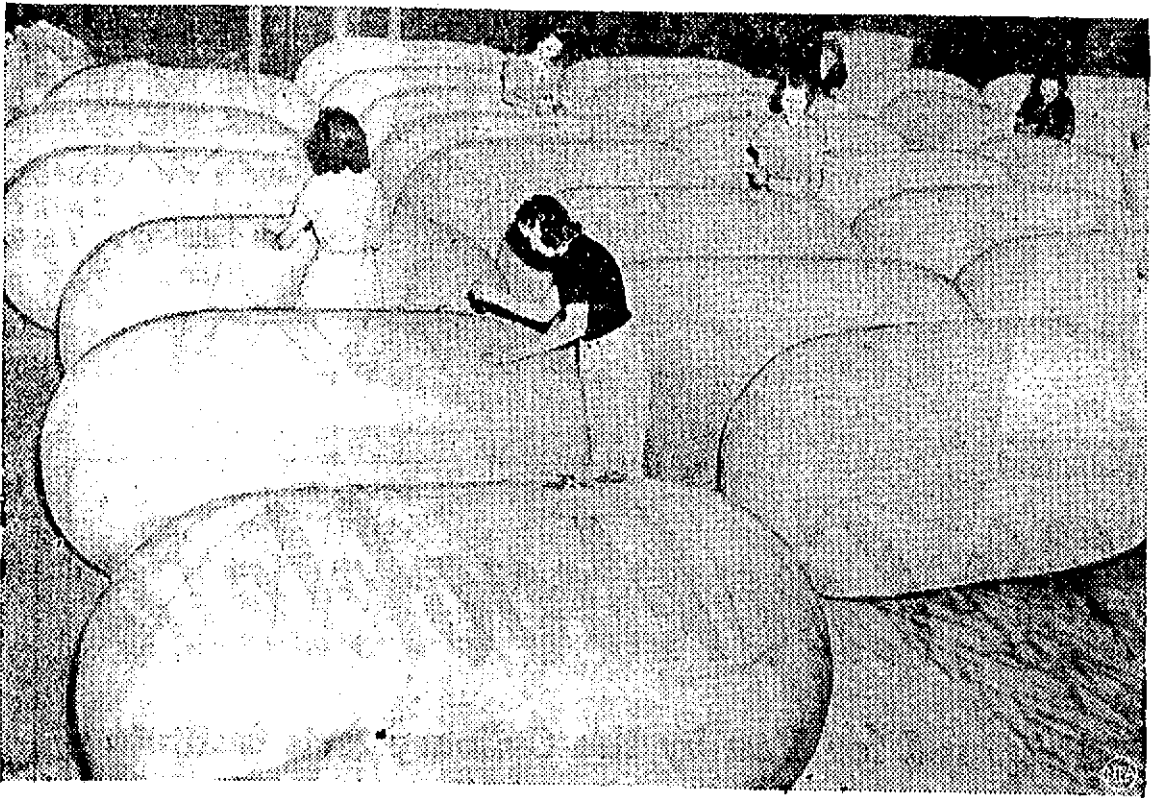
Dramatically revived by emergency firemen after suffering a choking spell when only 7 hours old, Geraldine Kauser gets a warm welcome to world from sister Carol Sue, 20 months. Mrs. William Kauser is pictured with daughters in Columbus, O.

Japanese Cavalymen Ride Herd in South China



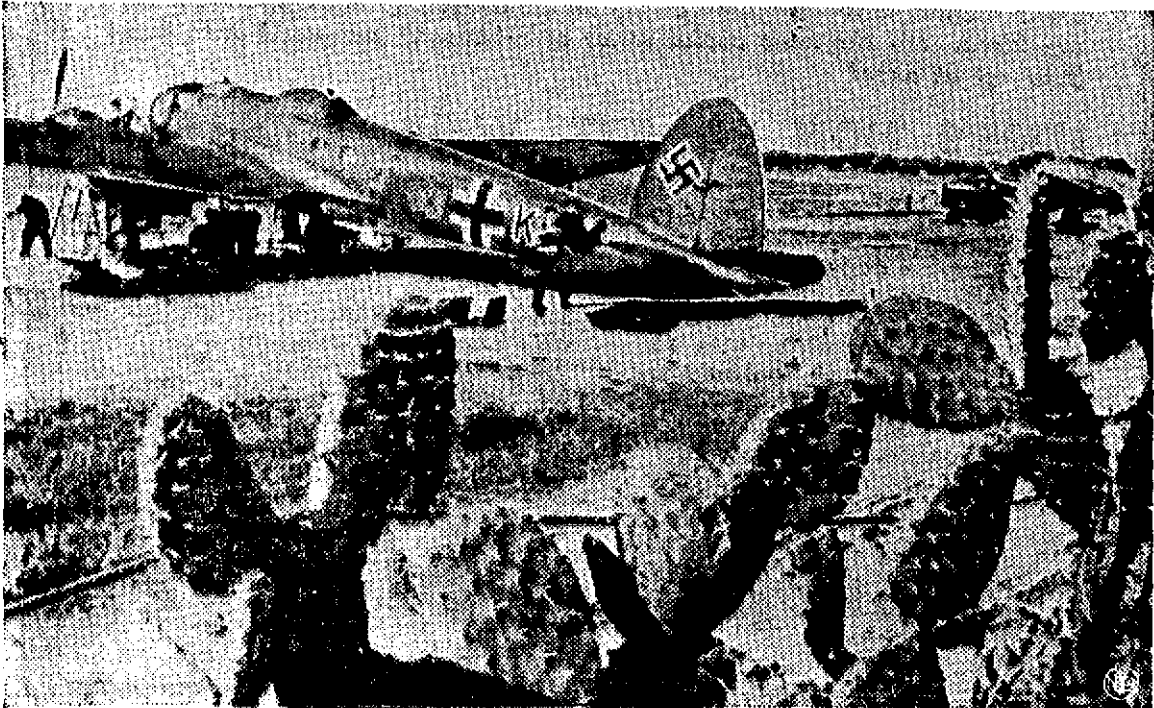
With Japan landing large forces along the south China coast, Far East observers believe some new blow in Nippon's southward drive is imminent. Here are Japanese cavalymen fighting in the area.

Bundles for Saving American Aircraft Downed at Sea



These are flotation bags designed to save Uncle Sam's land planes and their occupants if forced to descend on large bodies of water. They're being assembled at Goodyear's Akron plant for immediate use.

German Planes Far South in Halt-British Attempt



German caption says this photo shows Nazi planes based in southern Italy for blows against British in Mediterranean. Note cactus.

Cost of Equipping a U. S. Soldier



Equipping the soldiers in a million-man army comes high, with initial outfitting, including rifle, costing Uncle Sam more than \$100 for each. Pictograph shows costs of items of clothing and equipment. Food and housing costs, and monthly pay, also mount up.

When British Bomb Invasion Bases--



As Britain steps up tempo of blows against German-held English Channel ports, these men spend more and more time underground. They're sailors and land troops occupying an air-raid shelter while British planes are overhead.

Aluminum---For Defense First



Striking photo shows a flat sheet of aluminum being rolled. This strategically important metal will go to defense industries first under strict rationing system now being enforced.

Look at This Picture---Remember It When You Drive



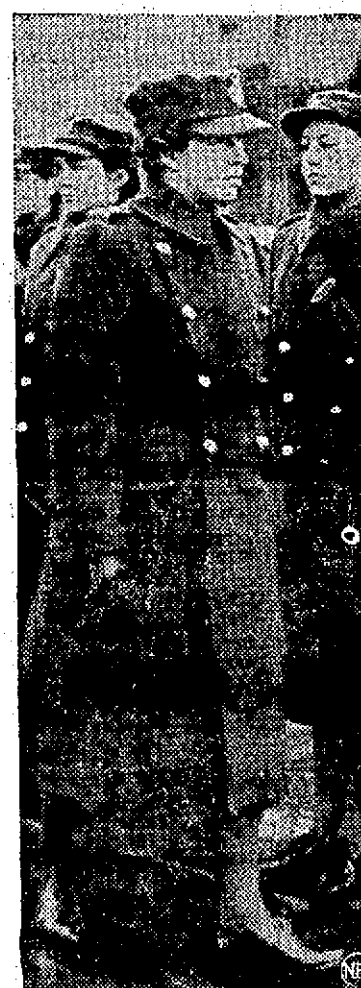
Uncontrollable grief grips this family huddled at the graveside of another automobile crash victim. The parents, widow, brother and sister of Joseph C. Yager, 30, are pictured at services for the Birmingham, Ala., man who met death when his car crashed into a passenger train.

Ask Him if Crime Pays



In a picture symbolizing the oft-proved truth that crime does not pay, George Joseph Cvek, framed by jail bars, walks between detectives after confessing assault and killing of New York housewives.

Grim Days



Wearing a drab uniform, marching along through a gloomy English day, Princess Mary, sister of King George, inspects women members of the Auxiliary Territorial Service.

Life at College



This is a college girl studying. Frances Hussey of Somerville, N. J., is one of a Barnard College group studying automobiles in New York in preparation for work as mechanics in event of a national emergency.

Rita Croons, but Tyrone Yawns



Maybe Tyrone Power was thinking of wife Annabella, for while Rita Hayworth was looking at him dark and dangerously like this, crooning soft melodies and strumming the guitar, he fell asleep. Or maybe it was just because the script ordered it that way.

Tobacco Road Is Best Hit

Manager of Road Company Finally Admits Its Good

By JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON — "It's beginning to look like I got a hit on my hands," said Irving Becker.

The remark doesn't mean much until you know that Irving Becker is the manager of the road company of "Tobacco Road" and that he made it after his books showed that after seven years, "Tobacco Road" still is Washington's most popular play.

It is one more strange phenomenon in the strange odyssey of all American plays. The figures read something like this: "Tobacco Road" has played Washington six times for one week, once for two weeks, doing a thriving business every time, but when it came back in 1941, it had to put in four extra performances and chairs in the aisles for every one. At \$1.50 top price, its gross receipts for the week were almost \$20,000—a gross which would assure substantial profits to Broadway any \$3.30 or \$4.50 show on Broadway.

What's Back of It?

What interested me was no "Tobacco Road" (I saw it a couple of times years ago when I was a youngster) but the national capital's reaction to it. Why, in the midst of a national defense campaign which seems to absorb every waking hour of almost every one here—even those who have nothing whatever to do with it—should Washingtonians respond like that to

a play about decadent southern tenant farmers?

In the belief that this might interest you too, I put the "Why" to Becker; to Edmund Plohn, manager of the National Theater; and to a half dozen acquaintances who were part of the mob that turned out for the show and who, I believe, were a pretty fair cross section of the audiences.

No one, it seems to me, gave the whole answer. Becker attributed it in great part to John Barton. This 64-year-old veteran of the American stage and the music halls of England came out of retirement four years ago to take over the road-show role of Jeeter Lester. This is his fourth appearance in Washington.

He "Curses Cuts"

"John has made 'Tobacco Road' a woman's play as well as a man's. The ladies say he 'curses cuts,'" says Becker.

There's some truth in that. Barton sees Jeeter as a pathetic character. He plays him that way, and the paths of the audience rather than detracts from the humor. The farther Barton takes Jeeter from the appalling filth of body and soul, the more comical he becomes—and the more nearly "Tobacco Road" approaches a hilarious comedy with an underlying, warm pathos. Thus, people who have seen Barton's Jeeter before recommend him to others, not as a shocking example of how low life can sink, but as the best of comedy for an evening in the theater.

Plohn admits this, but thinks some stress should be laid too on the fact that thousands of persons have flocked into Washington in the last year to take jobs in the expanding government defense program. Many of these have never seen the play, and improved incomes, even in the lower brackets, have made it possible for them to take in a \$1.50 entertainment.

Sign of the Times

As for the persons who saw the play, they put these factors together. No matter how the play started out, these Washingtonians to whom I talked now consider it laughs-and-tears and a welcome diversion from the daily round of war, war and politics and the occasional round of movies. Oddly enough, only two out of seven had seen the play before.

In other words, Washington is booming, business is good and people with money in their pockets are willing to put some of it into what they consider, or hope will be, good entertainment. Still I'd like to see Katharine Cornell or native-born Helen Hayes (who is, incidentally, Washington's most popular actress) come to town in any play which had played here eight weeks in seven years. The comparison might help explain why "Tobacco Road" is Washington's favorite play.

Philippines Seek Oil

MANILA—(AP)—A government-controlled corporation has been organized to prospect for oil in 12 regions of the Philippine Islands. Another aspect of the islands campaign of economic advance is a quinine producing project, already in operation.

There are no sleeping cars on the road to success.

SERIAL STORY

DOLLARS TO DOUGHNUTS

By EDITH ELLINGTON

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YESTERDAY: Clarence offers marriage, but for Beatrice marriage is not the answer. She watches the city's crowds, hurrying home from work. Then, on a sudden impulse, she leaves her limousine, joins them, and goes into a subway, stuffs her mink coat into a parcel locker.

ESCAPE IN A SUBWAY

CHAPTER IV

NO one seemed to have noticed that a slim girl had stopped by the parcel lockers and divested herself of a mink coat; the symbol that set her apart from these hurrying, home-going workers.

In her dark woolen dress, with its jacket that was almost a coat, Beatrice thought with satisfaction that she looked rather like a girl who was trying to make a costume suit do the duty of a winter coat that was too shabby.

"It's almost spring," she thought. "If I only earned a little, working in an office somewhere, I'd still be saving for a new Easter outfit. Yes, this costume suit is all right. And the hat—that could be a leftover from winter. It makes the suit seem warmer."

Like a girl in a dream, propelled by some powerful subconscious urge, Beatrice hurried to the turnstiles. She found a nickel in her change purse, dropped it into the slot, pushed at the arm of the gate, and went on. At the newsstand from which men and women snatched evening papers, she picked up a paper, left three cents. More steps down. A long platform, jammed to the edges. The black train roared into the station, drowning out the other noises.

Beatrice did not notice what train it was, or where it was going. She had stopped under a little green sign and all the people around her began to fight forward. That train's doors opened right here. She was pushed into the train, and nearly stumbled.

"Grab a seat, girlie!" a swarthy man cried. He darted past her, grabbed one himself. Beatrice realized then that this was the reason for the pushing and fighting. A seat! She took a deep breath, rushed for the empty seat beside the swarthy man, and sat down.

The train was filled in less than half a minute. The doors slid to a close, people began to rattle newspapers and the subway ride began.

BUT Beatrice couldn't read her paper. She was looking about, like an explorer in a strange, wild

land. At Thirty-fourth street, the train stopped. More people rushed in, hopefully, for seats. There were no more.

A stout woman with a brown paper parcel plumped herself in front of Beatrice. A younger girl on the other side of the stout woman hung from a white tile rung and when the train lurched Beatrice thought it must have wrenched her arm out.

Once, as the stout woman juggled her parcel and knocked off Beatrice's hat, the young girl caught her eye and smiled. Beatrice thought, confused, "They're all so used to this. Pushing, being pushed. Standing. That girl—the way she smiled—grin and bear it."

She stopped staring at the other people in the car and concentrated on the girl. "She's about my age." Suddenly it seemed very important to examine her carefully, to think about her. A girl so much like herself, yet so different!

"That's a nice looking coat. It's rather like a coat I have. Oh, a copy. I remember, now. In the store, they sell things that look like the good things. . . . But her taste is good. It's like mine. . . ."

The girl was tall and slim. She wore a perky hat that came to a peak. Her hair was rolled into a soft, brown curl at her neck. It shone under the electric light. "Clean," thought Beatrice. But the girl's fingers on the strap were grubby. No gloves. And when she wasn't smiling, but sinking back into her own thoughts, her carefully made-up red lips drooped.

"She's pretty," Beatrice decided. "Not flamboyant. Intelligent looking."

What was she getting out of life, this girl who wore a cheap imitation of a good coat—this girl who must love nice things or she wouldn't have bought that coat? What was she hoping for, and what did she do to make her hopes be realized? Was she happy? Happier than Beatrice?

"Oh, yes," Beatrice murmured. "Much happier. Because I'm not happy at all."

"You talking to me?" the swarthy man on the seat demanded.

JUST then, there was a flash of intense, white light outside the window. All the yellow bulbs in the subway car went out. Someone screamed. The train jerked to a sudden halt. The people standing up swayed and caught swiftly in the darkness at whatever was nearest.

Beatrice felt something hit her in the chest. All the breath was

knocked out of her. It was the stout woman with the parcel. She had fallen, heavily, into Beatrice's lap.

A moment later, flickering pale emergency lights went on in the car. The stout woman picked herself up, muttering. Beatrice got up. "Please take my seat. I can stand it better than you can."

The woman smiled at her in surprise. "My, that's nice of you, dearie!"

Beatrice was standing up beside the young girl, now. The girl was looking at her with a wry little smile. "Sap!" she said. "Did anybody ever get up for you?"

Beatrice laughed. "I can't remember."

Suddenly, something burst with a crash like thunder. The roar reverberated through the tunnel, and the emergency lights went out.

"Damn!" said the girl. "I hope this isn't going to be another subway fire!"

"Another?"

"Didn't you read about it? Only a couple of months ago. Short circuit or something. There was nearly a riot."

For long minutes, the crowded train was marooned in the darkness. Then impatience began to grow. People murmured more and more fretfully. A woman asked, loudly, "What's happened? What's wrong?"

A man roared, "Guard! Isn't there a subway guard on this car?"

Outside the car, Beatrice saw the feeble light of what would only be a lantern, swaying. A moment later, there was a little hiss of compressed air. The doors in the middle of the car slid open.

"Now don't get excited, folks!" a leather-lunged trainman shouted, holding his lantern aloft. "Just a little trouble down the line!"

"We must be under the river!" the girl told Beatrice. "Wasn't the last station Whitehall? Yes, that's where we are, all right. Under the river."

"As soon as the lights come on," the trainman was announcing, "we'll all file out and walk back to the station. Now, folks, please! Take it easy! No danger. Just a few steps along the catwalk."

Beatrice and the girl looked at each other. The girl shrugged, and smiled. "If we have to get out and walk, we have to, that's all. Come on!"

Beatrice felt her hand, steady on her arm. Then she was staring down at the narrow black catwalk along the tracks, and all at once she was frightened.

"I can't," she moaned. "I can't."

(To Be Continued)

Steve, the Joker, Has Anna's Thanks For 10 Happy Days

GARY, W. Va.—(AP)—It was Steve who brought about "Affaire Sklepovich."

Steve is the 18-year-old brother of Ann Sklepovich who received a phony invitation to visit President Roosevelt. Anna, of course, saw the President anyway, and became a celebrity.

Steve (who smiles when he denies it) unsent a routine letter from the White House acknowledging 14-year-old Anna's greeting to the President, whose birthday is the same as Anna's. As a post script, Steve penned: "We would like to have you come to the White House and meet the President."

firmly believes that no additional labor legislation is necessary. And, says he, "When the labor situation is good, don't meddle with it."

A pretty good guess would be that there will be no further restrictive war labor legislation until all labor reserves are at work and there is no unemployment. That will not come for at least a year.

When labor slack is taken up, then agitation for lengthening the 40-hour work week will get serious, and further—the Executive Order of OPA may begin functioning in earnest, sidetracking normal economic production and concentrating all effort on production for war.

Anna went, in good faith. White House aides challenged the authenticity of the invitation, but Mr. Roosevelt saw her anyway, and the First Lady gave her a piece of birthday cake. Anna also went to New York and did a radio broadcast.

Back with her family, in this small mining community, Anna exulted over "the happiest 10 days of my life."

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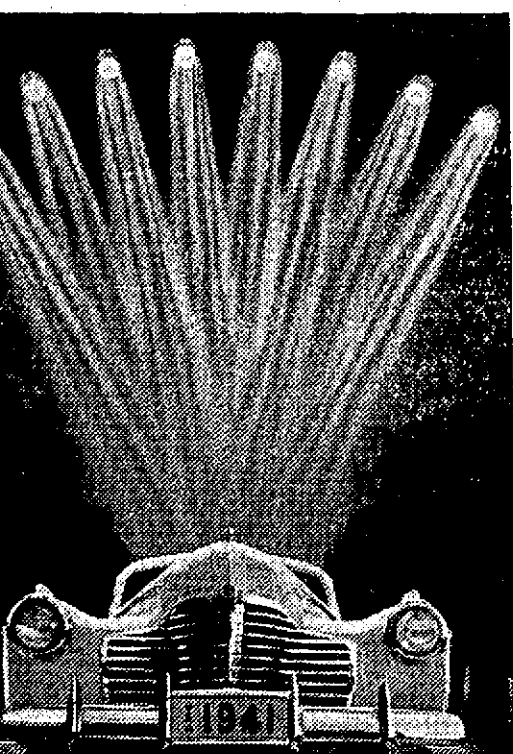
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Congress Needs Its Own OP Mto Break Bottleneck of Red Tape and Wasted Words

WASHINGTON — What congress needs is—no, not a law. It has a law.

What congress needs is its own Office of Production Management, its own Mr. Knudson-Hillman who might cut out the red tape and waste of words and general inefficiency and get things done.

This crack is made with all due respect to the need for full and honest debate, with due respect to the sanctity of democratic processes and with due regard for dictators and their methods. But with everyone crying for more production in factories, lamenting strikes and yelling against the mistakes of management, the fact remains that in some ways congress itself is a bit of a bottleneck.

When congressmen get up on their hind legs just to make unlistened-to speeches for the record, votes are rarely changed. It's enough to make any farmer back home who over the sheer waste of hog calling. No new arguments are made, and no new facts are brought out.

The bottleneck in congress is woefully apparent in its consideration of what, if anything, should be done about modifying labor laws and regulations to speed up defense.

While the lease-lend bill was before the house, practically nothing else was considered. A parallel case would be for the Douglas aircraft plant, now completing its first superbomber, to say, "While we're doing this, we can't do anything else."

Three Labor Law Proposals

Now Up

If these matters of strikes in defense industries, change of hours and the kind of contract given the Ford Motor Company are important, there should be some policy making action. Thus far, though the President has before him a proposal to create a war labor board, the administration has given no indications of leadership on labor matters, being content to ride on the statutes now on the books, supported by recent Supreme Court decisions. No one seems to expect leadership from the Department of Labor. Senator Wagner's plans for NLRB modification are dormant.

Bright spots in the picture are the work of the Conciliation Service under John R. Steelman, and the lieks put in by Sidney Hillman, to whom Secretary of War Stimson gives much of the credit for keeping the number of strikes below the level of the last war. Also, the Labor Board itself, under its new chairman, Dr. Harry S. Millis, has put into effect changes which speed the board's operation.

In congress itself are at least three proposals for wartime emergency labor legislation.

1. Harvard W. Smith of Virginia, his investigation of NLRB just completed and the report printed, has

a bill which would prohibit the closed shop in defense industries. What he is driving at particularly is putting an end to the practice of compelling workmen to join a union before they can get a job on a defense project.

2. Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan has two bills which would make strikes unlawful and which would prohibit the closed shop.

These bills are before the Judiciary Committee, which may, eventually, get around to hearing or investigation of labor relations in defense industries.

3. Carl Vinson of Georgia, chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee, will probably swing into action first with hearings on his own bill, which is modeled after some provisions of the railway labor act, but prohibiting the right to strike, but providing for compulsory mediation in war industry labor disputes, making 30—and then another 30 days after strikes unlawful until 20—the dispute has arisen. In those 80 days, it is Vinson's belief that troubles can be settled and strikes prevented.

Labor Slack Still to Be Taken Up

Of the three proposals, Vinson's has the best chance of getting any place, but it will be weeks and months before anything really happens, unless the number of labor interferences with production increases. There were about 150 work stoppages in January, all of short duration.

Defense Commissioner Sidney Hillman, asserting that actual strikes accounted for a loss of less than a quarter of a day per worker in 1940,

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